

## REMARKS

### 1. Summary of Office Action

In the Office action mailed August 11, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 4-20 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1, 2, and 4-20 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,246,683. The Examiner rejected claim 3 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,246,683.

### 2. Amendments and Pending Claims

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 and have added new claims 21-40. Now pending in this application are claims 21-40 of which claims 21, 29, 33, and 37 are independent.

### 3. Response to §101 Rejection and Non-statutory Double Patenting Rejection

The Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 and thus the rejections to claims 1-20 are moot.

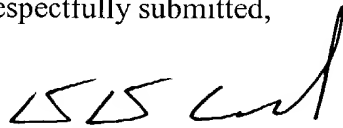
### 4. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 21-40 are in a condition for allowance, and respectfully request prompt allowance of the claims. If the Examiner would like to discuss this case, the Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned at (312) 913-3316.

Respectfully submitted,

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